

VERDICT OF JURY FAVORS RAILROAD

Damage, Suit Against N. & W.
Ended on Instructions
of Judge.

FLAGMAN BADLY INJURED

Masons Elect Officers—Woman
Critically Ill From Ef-
fects of Burns.

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Petersburg, Va., December 22.—In the Circuit Court of Dinwiddie county to-day, Judge Watson presiding, the suit of Rutledge vs. the Norfolk and Western Railway Company for \$20,000 damages for personal injuries, was ended, the jury rendering a verdict for the defendant company, by the instruction of the court. The suit grew out of an accident which occurred in 1907 at or near Church Road, in Dinwiddie county. The plaintiff and a companion named Crow, while driving across the track at the night of a busy week, were struck by the engine of a passing train and Crow was killed and Rutledge was injured. The administrator of Crow brought suit against the railway company for \$10,000, and received a verdict for the amount in the Circuit Court, but the defendant company appealed and the verdict was reversed by the Supreme Court, and the case was remanded back for retrial. On the second trial the defendant company entered a demurrer, which was sustained, and the case ended with dismissal.

Rutledge then entered suit against the railway company for \$20,000 damages to his person, and the case has been on the docket for some time. To-day was specially set for the trial. Neither the plaintiff nor his counsel put in an appearance, and for this reason the jury, under the instructions of the court, rendered a verdict for the defendant company.

Mr. Wing, of Nottoway county, was counsel for the plaintiff, and Bernard Townsend and William M. McIlwaine, of this city, represented the railway company.

Injured in Railway Accident.

Daniel Lawrence, an employee of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, was injured in an accident which occurred near Grundy, in Brunswick county, this morning, and was brought to the hospital in this city for treatment. Mr. Lawrence was formerly employed as a telegraph operator in this city, but gave up that position to become a flagman on the road. It is said that the train broke apart, and the rear section came in collision with the front section. Mr. Lawrence, who was sitting in the outlook on the caboose car, was thrown from his seat by the jar of the collision. He was painfully though not seriously hurt about the head, and will soon be out again.

Masonic Election.

Petersburg Lodge, A. F. and A. M., last night elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: Worshipful Master, P. M. Steward; Senior Warden, J. T. Townsend; Junior Warden, Thos. M. Davis; Senior Deacon, John W. Friend, Jr.; Junior Deacon, I. Val. Parrish; Secretary, Emmett H. Hoy; Chaplains, George D. Townsend and W. D. Blanks; Stewards, J. J. Gardner and S. D. Rodgers.

Ill From Effects of Burns.

Miss Bettie Williams is critically ill at the Petersburg Hospital from the effects of burns received about two weeks ago at her home on Jefferson Street. Her clothes caught ablaze from the grate, and before the fire



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Cowboy Suit with Hat.....\$1.50
Mexican Suit, with Hat.....\$1.50
Cowboy Chaps, Leather.....\$2.00
Cowboy Chaps, Khaki.....\$1.00
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Big Chief Suit, with headress.....\$1.50
Fireman's Suit, Belt and Hat.....\$1.25
Policeman Suit, Belt, Club and Hat.....\$1.25
Major and Captain Suits.....\$1.25
Indian Moccasins, \$1.00 and.....\$1.50
Indian Wigmans.....\$4.00
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Suspenders, Garters and Arm Bands, in boxes, 50c.
Silk Socks, Tie and Handkerchief to match, in box, \$1.50.
Silk Socks and Tie to match, \$1.00.
Jewelry in boxes for men.
Men's and Ladies' Umbrellas, \$1.00 to \$10.00.
Men's Kid Gloves, \$1.00 up.
Men's Fur Gauntlets, \$3.50 to \$8.50.
Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, six in box, 75c.
Men's Fancy Vests, \$1.50 up to \$5.00.
Phoenix Knitted Mufflers, 25c, 50c, \$1.00.
Stetson Hats, stiff and soft, \$4.00 and \$5.00.
\$15.00 Overcoats, special, \$10.00.
\$18.00 Overcoats, special, \$12.50.

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could be extinguished she was badly burned about the body. Her condition is such as almost to preclude hope of recovery. Miss Williams is well known and much respected.

Sentenced for Pocket-Picking.
Mark Coleman, colored, was sent to jail for sixty days for robbing Charles Pollard, a one-armed colored citizen of Blackstone, in the public street. He was caught in the act by two police officers who happened to come along at the time, and found Coleman going through the pockets of his victim, who was quietly submitting to the robbery. The robber did not get much of the victim's pocketbook was found in Coleman's possession.

High School at Prince George Court-house.
A meeting of the citizens of Prince George county, interested in educational work, was held at the county courthouse yesterday for the purpose of promoting the movement for the erection of a high school building at that place. The bad weather interfered with the attendance, but the meeting was satisfactory, and a high school building was decided upon. It has decided to have a four-room building for the present, to cost about \$1,000, and a number of private subscriptions were secured for the purpose.

Personal and General News.

Notwithstanding the continued rain, the rush of Christmas buyers to-day was as great as on any previous day. There was an unusually large crowd of country people in the city to-day. Under the Byrd law the liquor houses will not be open for business on Christmas Day. When they close on Saturday night they will not be reopened until Tuesday morning. The Christmas dance at the Riverside Club will take place on Tuesday night, and will be a brilliant social affair.

Manager Busch, of the Petersburg team, has signed up several new players for the next season, and is looking out for more.

Christmas robberies have been few

and unimportant this season, the police being on the alert for all crooks. A woman had her pocket book snatched from her hand last night at Sycamore and Franklin Streets by a negro who escaped.

St. Joseph's Academy closed for the holidays this morning with interesting exercises. The Rev. Father O'Farrell presented and made the children happy by distributing souvenirs.

Elaborate programs of music have been arranged for the churches on Sunday, appropriate for Christmas. The body of M. N. Levey, Jr., colored, who died yesterday in Norfolk, will be brought here for burial. Deceased was the son of Presiding Elder Levey, of the Petersburg district of the A. M. E. Church.

DENSE FOG CAUSES DELAY TO SHIPPING

Considerable Inconvenience to
Passengers Homeward Bound
for Holidays.

Newport News, Va., December 22.—Shipping in this section, Chesapeake Bay and along the Virginia coast has practically been at a standstill for the past twenty-four hours, owing to the dense fog that has enveloped the entire eastern portion of the State. Since early Thursday night but few steamers have moved, and a number of foreign steamers as well as American steamers and sailing vessels are anchored for safety in Hampton Roads or the lower Chesapeake Bay. The coastwise and bay passenger steamers are delayed, causing considerable inconvenience to those homeward bound for the holidays. No accidents have been reported up to this time, but may not be, as the greatest possible caution is being used in navigating.

RANGED HIMSELF WITH MIGHTIEST

Dr. Calisch Commends Taft's
Stand in Abrogation of
Russian Treaty.

LIKE REAL TRUMPET CALL

Injustice Done American Citi-
zens Ably Shown in Ser-
mon at Temple.

Denouncing Russia's repudiation of the American passport as an insult to the nation, and eulogizing in glowing terms the action of President Taft and Congress in abrogating the treaty of 1832, Dr. Edward N. Calisch last night delivered a powerful address on the Russian situation and its moral effect before a large congregation in Beth Abrahah Temple. While ridiculing the idea of war with the Czar's kingdom, Dr. Calisch admitted the probability of an industrial and commercial struggle, at the same time declaring the honor and principle of the United States government to be far above any mere material considerations or losses. That the controversy was a Jewish matter, Dr. Calisch emphatically denied, insisting that it was American citizenship that Russia discredited more than the race of Jews. He said that in refusing to recognize the citizenship conferred on Jewish refugees, the political refugees from Russia, the Czar's government offered a direct affront to the Constitution of this country. Dr. Calisch concluded by saying that the moral effect of the action of Congress and President Taft would be incalculable, serving as convincing proof to skeptical Europe that every article of the American Constitution is still accepted and upheld by Americans in spirit and in reality.

History of Treaty.
After outlining the history of this treaty and relating the many attempts of the United States government to bring Russia to a realization that the treaty must be carried out to the letter, Dr. Calisch said:

"It is well to understand the two principles involved, namely, the equal rights of all citizens of the United States, and secondly, the human right of expatriation. This was declared as the law of the land, by act of Congress, 1868, and embodied in sections 1999 and 2000 and 2001 of the Revised Statutes of the United States. This right has been recognized by all countries except Russia, Turkey and China. The statutes declare that the right of expatriation is a natural and inherent right of all people, indispensable for the enjoyment of the rights of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness; that in recognition of this principle this government has freely received emigrants from all nations and invested them with the rights of citizenship. Therefore any declaration, order or decision which denies, restricts, impairs or questions the right of expatriation is declared inconsistent with the fundamental principles of the republic. All citizens of the United States (native or naturalized) while in foreign countries receive from this government the protection of person and property.

"Thirty years of negotiation and friendly advances having been made in vain, the United States government has taken the only possible step consistent with its dignity and with the fundamental principles of its life.

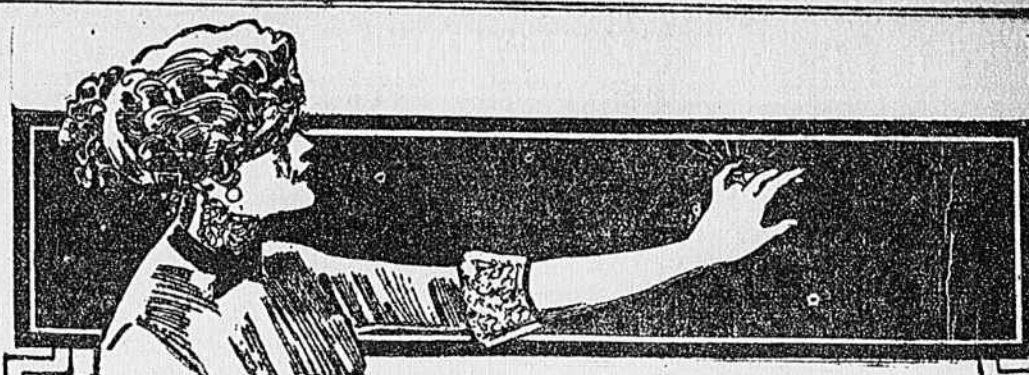
Two-Fold Violation.
"The repeated violation of Russia has been of two-fold nature. It has discriminated against citizens of the United States and has arrogated imperial power by demanding a statement of their religious convictions, a step which is entirely contradictory to the spirit of American institutions and violative of fundamental principles and rights guaranteed in its Constitution. Secondly, the Russian government has maintained that any Russian subject who has emigrated to the United States and has become a citizen of the United States is yet under its jurisdiction. It refuses to recognize the citizenship conferred by the United States government.

"It is well to remember and to emphasize the point that this is not a Jewish question, but an American question. While it is the Jews who have been mainly the victims of Russia's discriminatory inquisition, yet it is not as Jews but as American citizens that the injury has been done to them. The repudiation of the American passport by Russia was an insult to the American government. The United States does not recognize any religious differences among its citizens. His religious faith is a thing for which a citizen is answerable to his conscience and his God alone. As long as he obeys its laws, which accords it his loyalty, he is entitled to every protection and defense which give him his right of citizenship, and this government can give him home and abroad. This is true of the poorest and meanest as well as of the richest and most powerful. It was a most surprising misinterpretation which a local evening newspaper (the News Leader) gave of this question in an editorial of last Monday.

Attitude Different.
"The action with regard to this treaty has absolutely nothing to do with the Jews who are in Russia and subjects to the Czar. Their condition is pitiful enough indeed, but as long as they are Russian subjects they are under Russian laws, however barbaric and tyrannical these laws may be. The question is simply one of the rights of all American citizens, irrespective of class or creed, and the value of a passport issued by the United States.

"We are all familiar with the action that has been taken by Congress and by the United States. The President has acted most wisely, as well as justly. He has terminated the treaty in full accordance with the law, with all diplomatic usage and in such manner as to leave Russia no loop-hole through which any shrewd or cunning diplomatic sophistry may crawl. "The meaning of this action is simply that the United States has reaffirmed its principles of liberty and justice and has declared to the world its readiness to maintain them. To my mind there is no conceivable possibility of war. Not only is the United States sufficiently intrenched in material power, but it is thrice armed by the justice of its cause. As for commercial losses, it is my belief that they will be comparatively little. In spite of her declaration, Russia stands to lose more than she could ever gain by a commercial rupture with this country. Granting even that there would be commercial losses, the honor and principle of the government are far above any mere material consideration.

Great Moral Value.
"The influence of this abrogation is



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"The influence of the very existence of this republic has been the wider spread and the greater recognition of the fundamental rights of humanity. Every insistence upon these principles is another onward step in the march of human progress. The abrogation of the Russian treaty was a trumpet call of civic righteousness and of American citizenship. We can have no prouder joy than the knowledge of it gives to us. I care not what may be the political future of Mr. Taft, but I do say that in the manner, the wisdom and the courage of this act he has ranged himself with the greatest and mightiest leaders of this country."

WRIGHT LORIMER COMMITTS SUICIDE

Well-Known Actor Ends His
Life by Inhaling
Gas.

New York, December 22.—Wright Lorimer, the well-known actor, committed suicide to-day by inhaling gas at his home, 12 West Sixty-fifth street. Lorimer was thirty-eight years of age, and began his stage career in Chicago several years ago. He was best known in the production of "The Shepherd King," which he wrote with Arnold Reeves.

Lorimer had made a careful plan to commit suicide, as his body was found lying on the kitchen floor with the head stuffed in an open gas oven and pressed against the open gas jets. The gas jets in the room also were turned on to prevent the escape of the gas from the hall or through the windows. The actor had been dead an hour when found.

Lorimer left three letters, two of which were addressed to business associates and the third one addressed to "Friends," which was suppressed by the police until the coroner had taken charge of the body.

Financial troubles are believed to have been the cause of Lorimer's suicide, as he told the housekeeper three weeks ago when he engaged his present apartment that he had been out of work for some time. Two days ago Lorimer dismissed his valet.

Wright Lorimer was born in Dana, Mass., and was educated at Colgate University, after which he went to England, and took a course in English literature at Oxford University. On his return to this country, he decided to go on the stage, and became a member of the Dearborn Stock Company in Chicago and utility man. Lorimer first became widely known in the production of "The Shepherd

RESCUED SAILORS REACH GIBRALTAR

After Leaving Burning Steamer
Are Picked Up by German
Vessel.

Gibraltar, December 22.—Fifteen of the crew of the London tank steamer Chesapeake, which was burned in mid-ocean on December 10 on her voyage from New York to Tangier, were landed here to-day from the German steamer Adamsturm. The second officer of the Chesapeake and thirty-two Chinese seamen are still missing.

According to the reports of the rescued men, the Chesapeake caught fire December 6, the crew were forced to abandon her and took to the boats, two of which were picked up by the Adamsturm. Two other boats, containing the remainder of the crew, have not since been heard of.

The first report of the burning of the Chesapeake was brought by the United States scout cruiser Chester on her arrival at Boston from Tripoli, on December 15. The captain of the Chester reported that he saw the Chesapeake in flames and abandoned on December 10 in latitude 35.15, north, and longitude 46.55, west. An Italian bark was seen about the same time, nine miles distant, and the officers of the Chester concluded that the crew of the burning tanker were on the sailing vessel. The Chesapeake belonged to the Anglo-American Oil Company, and registered 2,881 tons.

TEACHERS HOLD REGULAR MEETING

Session Is Well Attended.
Child of Visitor Burned
to Death.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Heathsville, Va., December 22.—The Northumberland Teachers' Association held the second of its three scheduled meetings at Reidsville recently. The morning session, opened by Professor Hall, was consumed by official proceedings. The afternoon session, which followed pedagogical methods mostly, was attended by an encouraging number of teachers, and was made interesting and instructive by an article of much merit, contributed by Miss Beulah Hinton, of Wicomico High School, and by extracts from a paper written forty years ago on "Discipline in the School," read by Dr. Frank C. Lewis.

These were followed by round-table talks of practical value, among which were "How to Interest Parents in School Work" and "When Should the Lesson Be Assigned?"

A terrible accident occurred in Kilmarnock yesterday, when the child of a visitor in that place was literally burned to death. The mother was called from the house for a short while, and upon her return found that one of the two children she left playing upon the floor was a charred mass, nothing being distinguishable but one foot. A man was attracted to the house by the smoke pouring through the windows, and entering found the child dead.

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NEXT SUNDAY.

The rest of the magazine will add to the holiday cheer. There is a wonderfully sympathetic and interesting Christmas story called "My Son From America." It makes you listen to the beating heart of a loving mother whose son is coming to her, rich and prosperous, on Christmas. And a host of other good things, all in the Illustrated Sunday Magazine of

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